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In Re: BellSouth Telecommunication, Inc.'s Tariff Filing to Reduce Grouping Rates in Rate Group 5 and to Implement a 3 Percent Late Payment Charge.
Docket No. 00-00041: Position of the Consumer Advocate Division regarding the Initial Order

Dear Hearing Officer Hotvedt:

Upon review of the July 3, 2000, Initial Order, the Office of the Attorney General & Reporter, may not object to the specific result reached. Our initial question is one of intent. We are concerned that the express language of the holding on page 10 in section 1 (a) states that "the late payment charge *is* a "telecommunications service ..." instead of "the late payment charge *is a* charge for telecommunications service ..." Based upon the body of the order the express language in (a) appears to be a typographical error which an errata sheet may cure.

You have notified the parties that you will take the issue of clarification under advisement. If the express language as written is the intent we would respectfully object and appeal the Initial Order. If the language is clarified we would defend the Initial Order.

You have also informed the parties that the Initial Order does not resolve other issues.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. Vincent Williams".
L. Vincent Williams

cc: Patrick Turner, Esq.

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